(d) Does not arise. No employee has been compulsorily retired under the above regulations in the first half of this financial year.

Regularisation of ground staff in AA

3094. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ground staff employed in Alliance Air has not been regularised even after four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the promotion of various categories of ground staff employees is also pending for a long time; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) The employees in Alliance Air are engaged on Fixed Term Employment Agreement basis, which are renewable. These agreements do not provide for promotions. However, fresh agreements on revised terms are entered into in accordance with the requirements of the Company and past performance of the individuals.

Clearance of encroachments around airports

3095. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Plane Truth: Soon a cow on the runway" which appeared in the Times of India dated 17th March, 2002;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the measures proposed to be adopted to clear the encroachments in the various airports in the country as highlighted in the news-item which are proving serious security hazards?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Around 962 acres of airport land is under encroachment at various airports in the country. The encroachments are generally in the form of hutments, pucca/semi-pucca structures and unauthorized cultivation. At few airports like Mumbai and Hyderabad, encroachment in the form of multi-storeyed structures exists. The matter has been taken up with the State Governments for removal and/or rehabilitation of the encroachers from airport land as per the policy of the State Government. Fencing/boundary wall around the area of the airport has been constructed to safeguard the airport land from encroachers. The breaches on the fencing/boundary wall are repaired to stop the encroachers from entering the airport land. There are plans to construct motorable road along the perimeter wall for keeping a continuous watch. Parts of encroachment at Mumbai have been cleared and merged with the operational area. As regard slums bordering the boundary wall and located on private/State Government land, which pose a threat to air safety, Airports Authority of India is requesting concerned State Governments for shifting these slums under their policy.

IA package to Andhra Pradesh

3096. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has offered any package to the Government of Andhra Pradesh which will promote tourism here in coordination with Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the State Government's reaction in that regard; and

(d) what is the present status of the package?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has already initiated the process with Department of Tourism, Government of Andhra Pradesh for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU will be signed shortly, after which